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Hon. N. Lorrin Freeman
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RE: Granville County Sheriff's Office

Dear Ms. Freeman:

I understand that you have been contacted by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), about a recording that I provided to them. I would like your assistance in assessing the recording, and determining whether the SBI should open an investigation into this matter.

By way of background information, I was provided this recording during my representation of Joshua Freeman, in August of 2014. At that time, I was still in private practice. After coming into possession of this recording, I contacted Special Agent John Spears at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Cary. After speaking with him, I delivered a copy of this recording to him in August of 2014. I do not know if Special Agent Spears opened an investigation as a result of my meeting with him or not.

In January of 2017, I met with Director Bob Schurmeier and Special Agent in Charge Mike Denning of the SBI. An Assistant Director was also in attendance, and he took possession of the recording, but I understand that he left his position with the SBI shortly thereafter. On Tuesday, October 30, 2018, I provided another copy of the recording to Assistant Special Agent in Charge Lynn Gay. I provided it after learning of an investigation in Granville County, and considered it relevant to their inquiry.

I think, at this point, I would be considered a fact witness, and it would be appropriate for you to advise the SBI about whether or not to open an investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. D. Waters", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Michael D. Waters